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FOR: MERCHANDISE PLANNING AND

DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE SAME, AND A

COMPUTER PRODUCT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 38 of this paper.